

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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Civil No. 18-1776 (JRT/HB)

This Document Relates to:

THE COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL
INDIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFF
ACTIONS

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
APPROVE THE MANNER AND FORM OF
CLASS NOTICE REGARDING SETTLEMENT
WITH SMITHFIELD FOODS, INC.**

Now before the Court is Commercial and Institutional Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs' ("CIIPPs") Motion to Approve the Manner and Form of Class Notice Regarding Settlement with Smithfield Foods, Inc.

The Court, having reviewed the Motion, its accompanying memorandum and the exhibits thereto, hereby **ORDERS** that the Motion is **GRANTED WITH THE AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW** and a schedule shall be established for the execution of the notice program and for final approval.

1. CIIPPs propose the following schedule, which the Court finds appropriate:

DATE	EVENT
Within 21 days from order directing notice	Settlement Administrator to provide direct mail and email notice, and commence implementation of the publication notice plan
60 days after the commencement of Notice	Last day for Settlement Class members to request exclusion from the Settlement Class; for Settlement Class members to object to the Settlement; and for Settlement Class members to file notices to appear at the Final Fairness Hearing

DATE	EVENT
7 days after last day to request exclusion from the Settlements	Co-Lead Counsel to provide Smithfield with a list of all persons and entities who have timely and adequately requested exclusion from the Settlement Class
14 days before the Final Settlement Fairness Hearing	Co-Lead Counsel shall file a motion for final approval of the Settlement and all supporting papers, as well as responses to any objections to the proposed Settlement
40 days after last day to request exclusion from the Settlement or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard by the Court	Final Fairness Hearing

2. Co-Lead Counsel for the CIPPs are authorized to utilize Epiq Class Action & Claims Solutions, Inc. (“Epiq”) and Hilsoft Notifications (“Hilsoft”) as the notice administrator for the settlement with Smithfield. As described in the applicable settlement agreement, Co-Lead Counsel may use a portion of the settlement funds to pay for the implementation of the notice plan.

3. The proposed forms of notice, including the long and short form notices and digital media notices, comply with Rule 23 and due process requirements. The proposed notices indicate that the Final Fairness Hearing will be held in Courtroom 15. The Final Fairness Hearing, however, will occur in Courtroom 14E if it occurs in person. Co-Lead Counsel and the notice administrator are authorized to disseminate these notices in forms substantially like those presented to the Court with this motion, except that these notices should indicate that the hearing will take place in Courtroom 14E and the address

for Notices of Intention to Appear should also use Courtroom 14E.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 13, 2022
at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/John R. Tunheim
JOHN R. TUNHEIM
Chief Judge
United States District Court